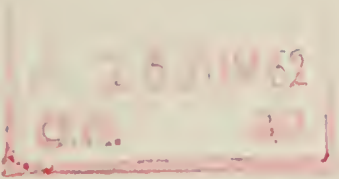


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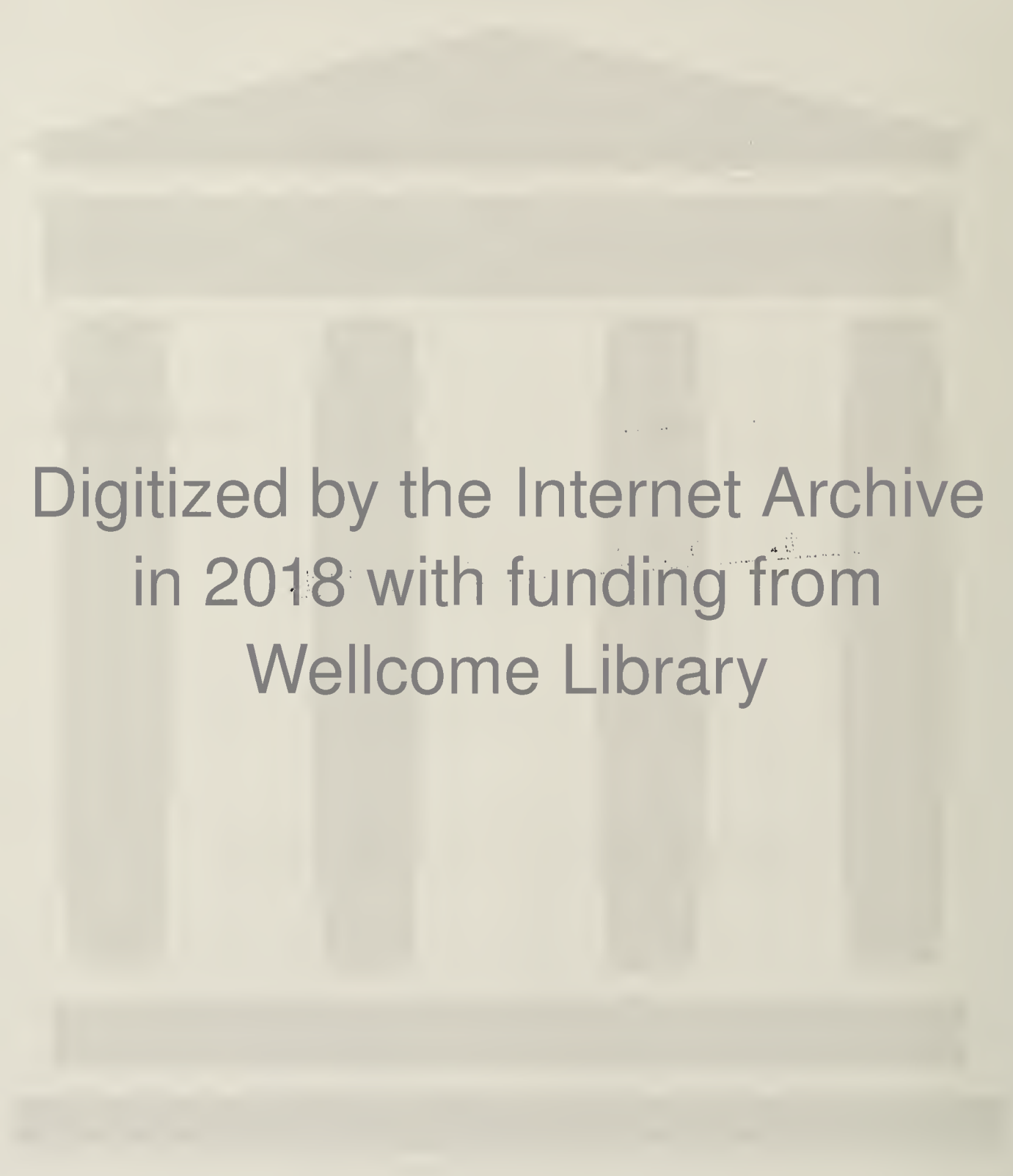


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OAKHAM URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

A N N U A L R E P O R T

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

1961.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present herewith my twenty-third Annual Report dealing with matters within my responsibility regarding public health and preventive medicine.

GENERAL STATISTICS

| | | |
|--|-------|---------|
| Area (in acres) | ..... | 2,250 |
| Registrar General's estimate of population | ..... | 4,400 |
| Number of inhabited houses at end of 1961 | ..... | 1,390 |
| Rateable Value at 31st December, 1961 | ..... | £58,200 |
| Nett product of a penny rate | ..... | £233 |

VITAL STATISTICS

| | <u>Males</u> | <u>Females</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|--------------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| Live Births: Legitimate | 30 | 35 | 65 |
| Illegitimate | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| | <u>31</u> | <u>36</u> | <u>67</u> |
| Still Births: Legitimate | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Illegitimate | — | — | — |
| | <u>1</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>3</u> |

| | <u>Rate for District</u> | <u>Rate for England and Wales</u> |
|---|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Birth Rate: | 15.2 | 17.4 |
| Death Rate: | 8.6 | 12.0 |
| Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births. | 14.9 | 21.4 |

It is pleasing to report that there was only one death of infants under one year of age.

Also it is interesting to note that 34 deaths were in persons over 80 years old and of these 7 were over 90 years of age.

CAUSES OF DEATH

| | <u>Males</u> | <u>Females</u> |
|--|--------------|----------------|
| Tuberculosis, respiratory | - | - |
| Tuberculosis, other | - | - |
| Syphilitic disease | - | - |
| Diphtheria | - | - |
| Whooping cough | - | - |
| Meningococcal infections | - | - |
| Acute Poliomyelitis | - | - |
| Measles | - | - |
| Other infective & parasitic diseases | - | - |
| Malignant neoplasm, stomach | - | 1 |
| Malignant neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus | 1 | - |
| Malignant neoplasm, Breast | - | 1 |
| Malignant neoplasm, Uterus | - | 1 |
| Other malignant & Lymphatic neoplasms | 3 | 1 |
| Leukaemia, Aleukaemia | - | - |
| Diabetes | - | - |
| Vascular lesions of nervous system | 3 | 4 |
| Coronary disease, angina | 4 | 4 |
| Hypertension with heart disease | - | - |
| Other heart disease | 9 | 17 |
| Other circulatory disease | 2 | - |
| Influenza | - | - |
| Pneumonia | 2 | 4 |
| Bronchitis | - | - |
| Other diseases of respiratory system | - | - |
| Ulcer of stomach and duodenum | - | - |
| Gastritis, Enteritis & Diarrhoea | - | - |
| Nephritis and Nephrosis | 2 | - |
| Hyperplasia of prostate | - | - |
| Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion | - | - |
| Congenital malformations | 1 | - |
| Other defined and ill-defined diseases | 2 | - |
| Motor vehicle accidents | 1 | - |
| All other accidents | 1 | 3 |
| Suicide | - | - |
| Homicide | - | - |
| | <u>31</u> | <u>36</u> |

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

1. PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY

Medical Officer of Health - J. Young, M.B., Ch.B. D.P.H.Camb.
The Medical Officer of Health acts for the Leicestershire and
Rutland Combined Districts in which this District is included.
Telephone No. - Melton Mowbray 3343.

Public Health Inspector - H. Tabberer, Certificate Royal
Sanitary Institute.

The Public Health Inspector is also Surveyor to the Council.
Telephone No. - Oakham 2575.

2. LABORATORY FACILITIES

The following examinations in your area were carried out during the
year at the Public Health Laboratory, Leicester.

| | |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| Nose and Throat Swabs | 4 |
| Faeces and Urine | 24 |
| Bloods | - |
| Sputa | 19 |
| Vaginal and Cervical Swabs | 3 |
| Waters | 4 |
| Miscellaneous | 13 |
| Milks | - |
| | <u>67</u> |

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

1. Water

Bacteriological Chemical

Number of Samples taken for Analysis:-

| | | | |
|-----|----------------------------|---|-----|
| (a) | from wells | 3 | --- |
| (b) | from piped supply | 1 | --- |
| (c) | at source of public supply | 1 | --- |

Results of Samples taken:-

| | | |
|--|---|----|
| (a) from wells - unsatisfactory | 1 | -- |
| satisfactory | 2 | -- |
| (b) from piped supply - unsatisfactory | - | -- |
| satisfactory | 1 | -- |
| (c) at sources - unsatisfactory | - | -- |
| satisfactory | - | -- |

All the public supply sources are outside the Urban District.

The public supply was unrestricted throughout the year.

Leicester Corporation is now the Authority responsible for the water supply.

Over 99% of the houses and of the population of the Urban District are supplied. In a very few cases the water is not laid into the houses. The number of such cases has declined during the year. There are no public standpipes.

9 occupied houses are not on the public supply. 3 of these are due for demolition. 4 are good houses with satisfactory private supplies. 2 are expected to come on to Public supply in 1962.

2. Sewerage and Sewage Disposal

Approximately 4,000 yards of new sewer have been laid and 42 houses which formerly relied on some local form of disposal of sewage are now connected to the town sewers. There are still 15 houses not connected but these are mainly in isolated parts, including 4 farm houses. Additional sludge beds and other minor works are proceeding at the sewage purification works.

3. Closet Accommodation

Total number in the District at the end of 1961:-

| | | | | | | |
|-----|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------------|
| (a) | Privies | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | Nil. |
| (b) | Pail Closets | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 6 |
| (c) | Water Closets | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1,830 approx. |

Number of pail closets converted to water carriage system
during the year 6

| | |
|--|---|
| Number of pail closets otherwise abolished | |
| during the year | 5 |

At three of these six pail closets, either water mains or sewers are not available within the distance laid down in the Act. It is expected that very soon the only one remaining will be at an isolated farm house.

4. Public Cleansing

Refuse Disposal is by tipping in a disused ironstone railway cutting 5 miles from the town between Ashwell and Cottescroft. The last ashpit in Oakham was abolished several years ago.

The very small quantity of nightsoil is tipped at the Sewage Disposal Works.

5. Smoke

The only big chimney in the town now in use is at Catmose Vale Hospital. No complaints have been received during the year.

6. Common Lodging Houses

There are no Common Lodging Houses in the district.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

The particulars given under this heading are for all purposes including particulars given elsewhere in this Report.

Total number of complaints received 70 (including 47 of rats and mice)

Total number of defects or nuisances discovered arising out of complaints 67 (-do- -do-)

This does not include oral complaints which are usually dealt with immediately.

Nature of Inspection

Number of Inspections and Re-visits

| | |
|--------------------------------|-----|
| Dwelling Houses (all purposes) | 168 |
| Tents, Vans, etc. | 6 |
| Slaughterhouses | 20 |
| Food Premises | 57 |
| Dairies | 9 |
| Offensive Trades | - |
| Animal keeping | 4 |
| Factories, etc. | 33 |
| Shops | 36 |
| Other premises | 40 |

N O T I C E S

Preliminary

Housing

Other

| | | |
|------------------------------|----|----|
| Outstanding on 1st Jan. 1961 | 6 | 1 |
| Issued during the year | 7 | 13 |
| Complied with during year | 12 | 13 |
| Outstanding 31st Dec. 1961 | 1 | 1 |

| <u>Statutory</u> | <u>Housing</u> | <u>Other</u> |
|---------------------------------|------------------|--------------|
| Outstanding 1st Jan. 1961 | 14 | - |
| Issued during the year | 6 | - |
| Complied with during year | 7 | - |
| Outstanding 31st December, 1961 | 13 xx | - |

~~xx~~ These outstanding cases are Demolition and Closing Orders where action is not complete, but 10 of them are not occupied.

Defects or Nuisances

Most of the work is done by letter, interview or telephone and few formal notices, either preliminary or statutory, are used.

CONTROL OF RATS

The Council in conjunction with the Rural District Councils of Oakham, Uppingham, Ketton and Barack, employ a Pest Control Officer. All complaints were promptly dealt with and there is little evidence of rats in the town.

ERADICATION OF BED BUGS

No cases of bed bugs came to notice.

SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

A swimming bath owned by Oakham School Trustees is loaned to the Council during the summer holidays. It has a pressure filter and chlorinator which works most of the time while the bath is in public use. Six inspections were made during the season.

During the year a newly constructed pool at the County Secondary School was opened and has been made available for public use.

INSPECTION & SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Milk Supply

At the end of the year there were five distributors and four premises registered. Ten inspections of premises were made.

No action was found necessary under Regulation 20 - Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations, 1959. All milk sold in the district now is tuberculin tested, T.T. pasteurised, sterilised or pasteurised and all bottling is done before reaching Oakham. Oakham is included in a Special Designations Specified Area.

Ice Cream

No Ice-cream is now made in Oakham, but eighteen premises are registered for its sale.

Meat Shops, Meat Stores, Etc.

Number of inspections 19

There is only one small slaughterhouse in use in the Urban District. The new construction Regulations will apply as from 1st July, 1963.

Carcases and Offal Inspected and Condemned in Whole or in Part

Whole carcases condemned None.

Carcases of which some part or
organ was condemned None.

Food Premises in the Urban District in December consisted of:-

4 Cafes and a Dairy Shop.
12 Licensed Premises (not including Clubs and Off
Licences)
13 Retail Grocers, etc.
5 Butchers.
4 Greengrocers.
2 Fishmongers.
4 Bakers and Pastrycooks.
5 Sweets, etc.

Number of inspections 48.

Premises Registered Under Section 14 for Preparation and Sale

of Sausages, Potted Meats and Meat Pies 6

Preparation and sale of Fish and Chips 1

Disposal of Condemned Food

The small quantities involved are disposed of by:-

- (a) Burning in the boiler at Council Offices.
- (b) Being taken to tip by Refuse Collectors.

36 lbs. Chopped ham (a product of Yugoslavia) were
voluntarily surrendered as unfit.

Food Hygiene

Food premises in the town have been kept under observation during the year. Advice has been given when necessary, and there have been no special difficulties.

There is a lively street market on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Many of the stalls sell vegetables, fruit and other foods. It has not been found necessary to draw attention to any breaches of the Regulations this year.

HOUSING

Number of dwelling houses in respect of which
Demolition Orders were made:- 5

Closing Order made:- 1

Four of these 6 houses were vacated during
the year.

Houses closed without making Orders:- -

Number of dwelling houses demolished in
pursuance of Demolition Orders:- 7

Houses demolished without Demolition Orders:- 5

Occupied houses with operative Demolition or
Closing Orders:- 3

Occupied houses in declared Clearance Area:- 1

One case of overcrowding was abated during the year involving
2 families and 9 persons.

There were (at 31st December, 1961) 120 Oakham applicants for
Council Houses. Twenty of these were sharing houses with parents
or others.

There is also a demand for houses from people outside the Urban
District, many of whom work in the town.

At the end of 1961 the Council owned 394 houses and flats, ten
temporary bungalows and two old houses acquired in William Dalby
Street and Westgate Street. Thus practically 30% of the houses
are controlled by the Council.

In nineteen cases, houses were improved with Grant Aid under the
Housing Acts.

Grants have been approved in 2 other cases.

At the end of the year 45 Council and 14 Private dwellings were
under construction.

The following table shows new house completions in the last
ten years.

| Year. | Houses completed other than by the Council | Council Houses | Total |
|---------|---|----------------|-------|
| 1952 | 11 | 24 | 35 |
| 1953 | 4 | 43 | 47 |
| 1954 | 6 | 44 | 50 |
| 1955 | 15 | 4 | 19 |
| 1956 | 12 | 8 | 20 |
| 1957 | 8 | 2 | 10 |
| 1958 | 7 | 14 | 21 |
| 1959 | 2 | - | 2 |
| 1960 | 3 | 21 | 24 |
| 1961 | 15 | 21 | 36 |
| TOTAL:- | 83 | 181 | 264 |

In addition, there have been conversions and adaptations. In the
same period there were 41 demolitions.

Over 41% of the houses in the district have been built in the last
30 years.

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Housing - Continued:

During the year two Oakham School houses have been enlarged to increase the accommodation for boarders.

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND
OTHER DISEASES

(1) Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during 1961

| <u>Disease</u> | <u>Total Cases Notified</u> | <u>Cases admitted to Hospital</u> | <u>Total Deaths</u> |
|----------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Measles | 42 | 1 | - |
| Pneumonia | 10 | - | 6 |
| Food Poisoning | 2 | - | - |

AGE GROUPS

| Disease | Under 1 | 1 2 | 2 3 | 3 4 | 4 5 | 5 10 | 10 15 | 15 20 | 20 35 | 35 45 | 45 65 | 65 and over |
|----------------|------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-------------------|
| Measles | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 29 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Pneumonia | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 3 |
| Food Poisoning | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 |

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T U B E R C U L O S I S

| Age Group | New Cases | | | | Deaths | | | |
|-----------|-----------|---|---------------|---|-----------|---|---------------|---|
| | Pulmonary | | Non-Pulmonary | | Pulmonary | | Non-Pulmonary | |
| | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F |
| Under 5 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 5 - 15 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 15 - 25 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 25 - 35 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 35 - 45 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 45 - 55 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 55 - 65 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.

I am again pleased to report that no action was found necessary during the year.

I have the honour to be,
Your obedient Servant,

JOHN YOUNG
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

Warwick Lodge,
Melton Mowbray.

APPENDIX

Factories Acts, 1937 to 1959

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration
of the Factories Act, 1937.

PART I OF THE ACT

I - INSPECTIONS for the purposes of provision as to health
(including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

| Premises (1) | No. on Register (2) | Number of | | |
|--|-------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | | Inspec- tions. (3) | Written Notices (4) | Occupiers Prosecuted. (5) |
| (i) Factories in which Section 1,2,3,4, _ 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities | 7 | 7 | - | - |
| (ii) Factories not inclu- ded in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority. | 28 | 21 | - | - |
| (iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out- workers' Premises) | 4 | 5 | - | - |
| TOTAL:- | 39 | 33 | - | - |

II - Cases in which DEFECTS were found:-

| Particulars (1) | Found (2) | Remedied (3) | To H.M. Inspec- tor. (4) | By H.M. Inspec- tor. (5) | No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted. (6) |
|------------------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| Want of cleanliness | - | - | - | - | - |
| TOTAL:- | - | - | - | - | - |

PART VIII OF THE ACT

Outwork
(Sections 110 and 111)

| Nature of Work | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--------------------|--------------------|
| | No. of out- workers in August list required by Section 110 (1) (c) | No. of cases of default in send- ing lists to the Council. | No. of Prosecu- tions for failure to supply lists. | No. of instances of work in unwhole- some premises. | Notices served. | Prose- cutions. |
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) |
| Wearing apparel Making, Etc. | 14 | 1 | - | - | - | - |
| Artificial Flowers. | 23 | 1 | - | - | - | - |
| TOTAL:- | 37 | 2 | - | - | - | - |

